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Crumbling campus

Recent building mishaps around Hope



PHOTO BY JAKE BUIKEMA

A CONSTRUCTION CRESCENDO AT MILLER— Some-time in the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 26, high-speed winds at the construction site of the future Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts caused vibrations which loosened an anchor brace, causing two precast concrete walls to fall. The accident resulted in the toppling of a lift at the build site. Nobody was injured. The construction team has since rechecked all other bolts in the structure and found them to be secure.



PHOTO BY JORGIE WATSON

INSTANT SAUNA— Last week, on a calm, chilly Friday afternoon, the residents of Kollen Hall suddenly found themselves immersed in a cloud of mist and confusion after a steam pipe ruptured, closing the hall temporarily while Campus Safety and a local commercial service cleared the air, as it were.

Flying Dutch take top honors



PHOTOS BY NICK BYMA

PURSUIT OF PERFECTION— The women's basketball team fought off a late surge by Calvin in the MIAA title game last Saturday to remain undefeated and hoist the conference tournament trophy. Sights are now dialed in on the NCAA tournament. See full story on page 12.

The hours are slipping away before Dance Marathon begins

Updates on Blitz Week and the approaching marathon

Claire Johnson
CAMPUS NEWS CO-EDITOR

Although the official start to the marathon is still a few days away, preparation for Hope College's 15th annual Dance Marathon has been underway for months. With the commencement of Dance Marathon rapidly approaching, those with a keen eye can spot the characteristic changes around campus occurring to commemorate this yearly tradition. As we speak, decorations are being hung up in the Dow Center with energetic rapidity, volunteers are buying out local thrift stores in preparation for the theme hours and Sammy's has empty shelves where energy drinks used to sit. It's clear that Dance Marathon is almost here.

Dance Marathon is an annual fundraiser for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich. Helen DeVos



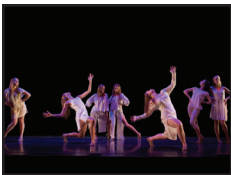
PHOTO BY MONICA DWYER

FOR THE KIDS— An aerial shot of Dance Marathon volunteers, miracle families and committee members at the 2012 marathon gives an enticing preview of the week to come.

Children's Hospital is the only hospital in West Michigan dedicated to providing comprehensive care for children. Each year during the fundraiser, several

“miracle families” are the face of the hospital for Hope students, families with sick children that

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THIS WEEK AT HOPE

Wednesday March 5
Lecture: “Catholic and Reformed Ecumenism: Basis, Boundaries and Benefits”
Winants Auditorium, 4 p.m.
Hageman Faith Series lecture by Dr. Os Guinness
Pillar Church, 8 p.m.

Thursday March 6
Vocation of a Christian Scholar Discussion Series
Schaap Science Center 1118, 11 a.m.
VWS Q&A with Brenda Hillman and Rowan Ricardo Phillips
Fried-Hemenway Auditorium, 3:30 p.m.
Hageman Faith Series lecture by Dr. Os Guinness
Winants Auditorium, 4 p.m.
VWS Presents Hillman and Ricardo Phillips
Graves Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday March 7
Brown Bag Concert
Holland Area Arts Council, 12 p.m.
Dance Marathon
The Dow Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday March 8
“Girl Rising” Documentary Screening
VanderWerf 102, 8 p.m.

Tuesday March 11
Gender Issues Conference
Maas Auditorium, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

GENDER ISSUES CONFERENCE

This Tuesday, March 11, Hope College, along with the Women’s and Gender Studies program and Student Development, will be presenting a Gender Issues Conference in Maas Auditorium. The conference will be held as a series of events beginning at 11 a.m. and extending through 5 p.m. The Women’s and Gender Studies program will be providing a pizza lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for attendees. At 11 a.m., Songs Against Slavery will be presenting on sex trafficking. At 12 p.m., there will be a presentation on sexual assault held by the Center for Women in Transition. At 1 p.m., there will be a workshop presented by Planned Parenthood on organizing and activism. At 2 p.m., Hope College’s own Counseling and Psychological Services office will present on stress, eating disorders and a healthy diet. At 3 p.m., Lakeshore Pregnancy Center will be available to provide information regarding pregnancy resources. Lastly, at 4 p.m., there will be a screening of the film “Killing Us Softly 4,” which focuses on gender and advertisements in the media. Interspersed between seminars, Student Development will be giving away free T-shirts. For more information about this incredible event, visit www.hope.edu/knowhope.

Possible overnight street parking in Holland

This summer, a test run of a new law will cause big decision

Alex Belica
WORLD CO-EDITOR

Parking in Holland this summer may have just gotten a little easier. Starting May 15, the city will allow motorists to park their cars on residential streets overnight.

Current law requires all cars to be off the street by 2 a.m. The program is a trial that will run through Sept. 30, so Hope College students returning for the fall semester will likely notice the change in ordinance that affects roughly their first month on campus.

Based on the outcome of this summer’s trial, overnight street parking could become a permanent feature of the summer that both Hope students and residents alike look forward to along with the usual sunshine and ice cream.

In an interview with *The Anchor*, Councilman David Hoekstra laid out the reasoning behind the change in regulations.

“One of the main reasons we are looking at this parking trial is that the central city neighborhoods were not built to accommodate the volume of cars in driveways that are typical these days,” Hoekstra said.

“If residents have overnight guests, especially in the summer months, it’s often hard to get all vehicles tucked into a driveway,” Hoekstra continued.

An issue that is not completely resolved is how to determine the “success” or “failure” of this summer’s trial. Different people have different standards of what an overly cluttered street looks like. Subjective measures such as residents’ input, including opinions from Hope students and employees will be taken into account.

In addition, more objective measures such as crime statistics involving vehicle break-ins and number of parking citations will be monitored. A decision will then be reached on whether to continue or even expand the program in the future.

Hoekstra noted, “Our hope is that we will gain enough data to determine if this parking change is beneficial to the city or an apocalyptic omen.”

The assistant city manager, Greg Robinson, thinks that if the trial is successful the time frame for the program may be expanded to include more months of the year; however, it is unlikely that overnight parking will ever be allowed year-round, at least in the short term.

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Put on your dancing shoes, Hope College, because it’s for the kids

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have been positively affected by the care given to them at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital. These families come to Dance Marathon to inspire students and also to thank the college for its generosity, highlighting the incredible care given to them at Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital as they do so. Each year the marathon, with its classic slogan “For the Kids,” raises money for the hospital before the marathon through events such as a silent auction, a 5K race and a Hope basketball game. During the marathon, money is raised through fun events like So You Hope You Can Dance and an annual lip-sync competition. Last year through this combination of events, Dance Marathon was able to raise over \$139,000, a record-breaking amount. All in all, over 600 Hope students participate annually in this life-changing event, and this year the volunteer numbers are higher than ever.

Although the marathon doesn’t officially start until 7 p.m. on Friday, March 7 (ending at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 8), fundraising is already underway. Last week Dance Mara-

thon hosted a silent auction at JP’s Coffee & Espresso Bar. The auction, which brought in over \$2,000 in total, was made possible by donations from several businesses in Holland, including Cottage Corner, City Flats Hotel, Fustini’s Oils and Vinegars, Jewel-Tec, JP’s Coffee & Espresso Bar, The Blackbird, Borr’s Shoes & Accessories and Carolyn Stitch Studio.

Beginning March 3, Dance Marathon really starts to involve the Hope community with a series of events to celebrate Blitz Week. Each day of the week preceding Dance Marathon, a different mini fundraiser is being held to benefit Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital. The early days of the week involve fundraisers held by Orange Leaf frozen yogurt and Jimmy John’s sandwiches, two local businesses. Then on Wednesday, March 5, Buffalo Wild Wings will be donating 10 percent of its profits to Dance Marathon if patrons bring a Dance Marathon coupon with them to eat. On Wednesday evening, there will be a Dance Marathon rally held in the Dow Center at 7:30 p.m. At the rally, participants in the marathon have the opportunity to meet some of the miracle

families, learn part of this year’s line dance and also learn this marathon’s theme. On Thursday, March 6, Dance Marathon is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner in the Kletz. For \$5, students can enjoy all-you-can-eat spaghetti from 5-7 p.m. As always, all profits go to benefit Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital.

If you’re a Hope student still looking to get involved in the marathon, it’s not too late. Any interested student can register to either morale (an eight-hour shift at the marathon) or dance (a 24-hour shift) for \$50 if they register online. Registered participants receive an official Dance Marathon T-shirt, meals during their shift on the day of the marathon and the joy of serving others. To register for Dance Marathon or to simply find out more about the event, go to www.hope.edu/dancemarathon. And remember, Hope College, all this time, effort and money is for the kids, and Spring Break is only a few days away. So give a little energy this weekend. Give some time and some joy and some cash to these incredible children, because even a small donation can make an impact on so many thirsty hearts—maybe even your own.

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Russians occupy the Crimea under force

Timeline of Events in Ukraine

Nov. 21, 2013- President Viktor Yanukovych announces an end to talks with the EU to strengthen ties. Instead he seeks closer cooperation with Moscow.

Jan. 22, 2014- Three protesters die during a confrontation between police and those manning the barricades.

Feb. 22- Parliament votes to remove Yanukovych after he flees from Kiev.

Feb. 26- In Moscow, Putin orders major military exercises just across the border, and Ukraine proposes a new prime minister.

March 1- Russian troops take over Crimea without firing a shot.

March 3- Pro-Russian troops control a ferry on the eastern tip of Crimea, escalating fears of more troops to come.

Source: Associated Press

Shubham Sapkota
STAFF WRITER

The current situation in Ukraine has caught global attention. With the change in president and the continuous foreign pressure from two contrasting sides, it is uncertain what is in store for Ukraine in the coming days. While the European Union has shown hints of possible membership after the change of government, Russia has threatened Ukraine with a “declaration of war.”

The Russian prime minister warned on Sunday that there might be instability in the region after Ukraine’s new leaders pointed out Russian hostility. Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, on his official Facebook page, stated that the overthrow of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych was a “seizure of power.”

Speculations of Russian military intervention in Ukraine’s Crimean Peninsula have been deemed inevitable with the current exchange of words between Ukraine and Russia.

“Such a state order will be extremely unstable,” Medvedev said. “It will end with the new revolution. With new blood.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT — A pro-Russian billboard with a map of Crimea bearing the words “Autonomous Republic of Crimea” in the port of Kerch.

After these new developments, Russian armed forces have been to three bases in the region on Sunday. Reports from Vladislav Seleznyov, a spokesman for Crimean Media Center of the Ukrainian Defense Ministry, told CNN that Russian generals have demanded Ukrainian forces to surrender and hand over their weapons. So far the Russian troops have taken control of the Crimean region; the United States has an estimated 6,000 Russian ground and naval forces in the region.

“There is no question that they are in an occupation position—flying in reinforcements and settling in,” said a senior U.S. administration official.

After the recent developments, the Ukrainian interim Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk announced, “This is a red alert. This is not a threat. This is actually a declaration of war to my country.” He called on President Vladimir Putin to “pull back his military and stick to the international obligations.”

The concern about who is the legitimate authority in Ukraine has been the main worry of the international community at the moment. Russia has labeled this takeover as an illegitimate government in the hands of “far-right extremists” with “xenophobic, anti-Semitic and neo-fascist” views.

Putin has shown a desire for Ukraine to return to the agreement signed with Viktor Yanukovych on Feb. 21. However, this view is not shared by the rest of the world. Ukraine is definitely in transition, and new developments in the Crimean region will not make the process any smoother.

Robotic pills will be the future of medicine

A prolific inventor, Mir Imran, hopes to change the treatment of patients suffering from diabetes

Andrew Gomez-Seoane
WORLD CO-EDITOR

Medicine is filled with adages from “An apple a day keeps the doctor away” to the equally famous line, “Take two aspirin and call me in the morning.” Now it would seem that with the rise of technology and its increasing integration into the world of medicine, the next step would be to allow patients to choose the devices they would place in their bodies as well.

Inventor Mir Imram hopes that one day doctors will have patients easily swallow devices, as they do pills. The apparatus in question is a small robotic pill to replace injectable drugs for chronic conditions such as diabetes. Backed by Google Inc.’s venture-capital unit, the camera consists of an ingestible polymer and tiny hollow needles made of sugar that are designed to safely transfer the drugs to the small intestine.

A few years ago, such a pill would have been unthinkable, but with the progress that technology has made in the past 20 years, it has led to two recently approved robotic pills by the Food and Drug Administration. Earlier in the month, a pill-sized camera by Given Imaging Ltd. was cleared for use in the detection of colon polyps. Another company by the

name of Proteus Digital Health Inc. received clearance a year and a half ago to place ingestible sensors inside pills to help patients and doctors monitor the number of pills taken.

While Imran’s pill has yet to be tested on humans, it would still require substantial funding to manufacture the necessary number of pills. If it does achieve success, it has the potential to disrupt the multibillion-dollar market for injectable drugs and make lives a little easier for the millions of Americans who suffer from conditions such as diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis. An Indian-born founder of the research lab and business incubator InCube Labs in Silicon Valley, Imran has founded more than 20 medical device companies alone, many of which have been acquired by large medical firms such as Medtronic. With over 300 patents to his name, he has developed a reputation as a world innovator in the field of biomedical engineering.

Blake Byers, the Google Ventures general partner who has spearheaded the investment, said, “This investment is not exactly in our wheelhouse, but we’re open to people who can change our minds. This one really stood out as a huge clinical need; \$110 billion is spent in the U.S. every year on biologics, all

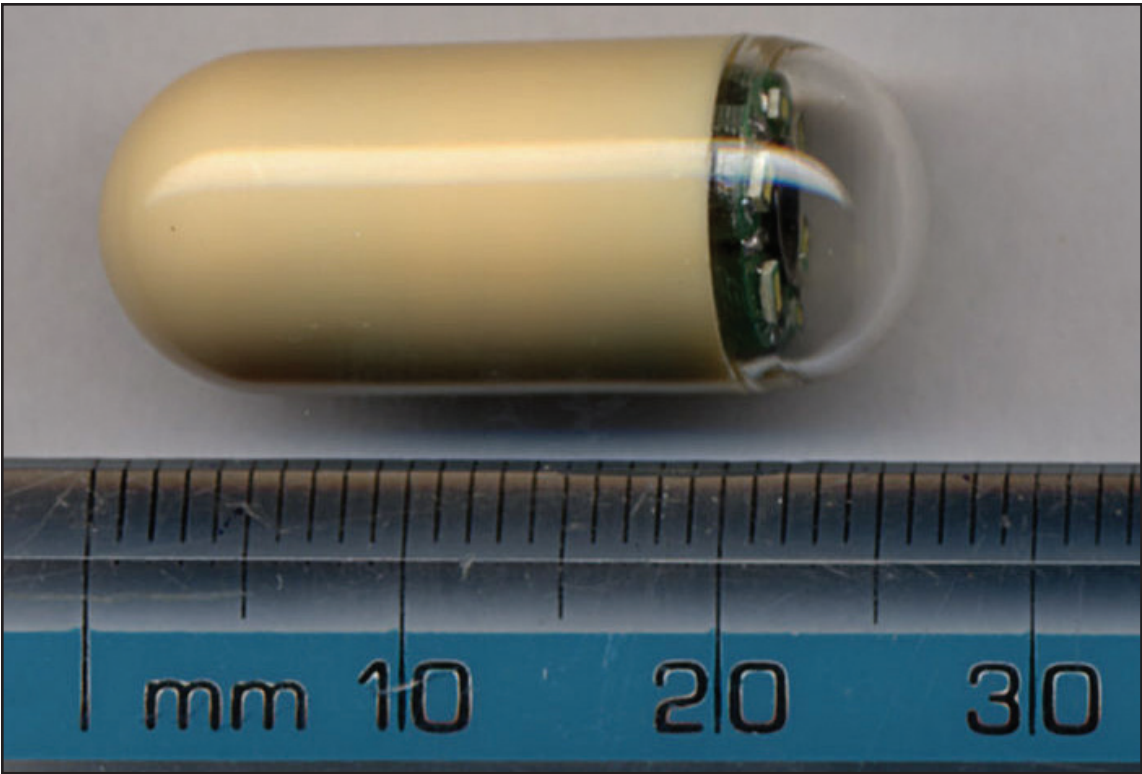


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ENDOSCOPY PILL CAM— This robotic pill is one of three designs that is currently on the market and under clinical trials to see if it can be used to treat common illnesses.

of them injectable.”

Imran’s idea is essentially an automatic robotic delivery system that can stay intact in the stomach and small intestine long enough to deliver the drug safely to the targeted area. The natural digestive processes in the body activate the pill to perform a series of functions with no need for a power source.

With an increase in the pH level in the intestine, the polymer on the outside will begin to melt in order to expose a valve inside with two chemicals: citric acid and sodium bicarbonate. These chemicals will mix together and act as the energy source by inflating a balloon-like structure containing the sugar-based needles with the medication. These needles will then push into the wall of the intestine and detach themselves until they slowly dissolve.

Imran has stated that pharmaceutical companies which license the technology for using their own drugs have expressed some interest at the design. Another year’s worth of approval and tests will be needed to determine if the robotic pill is safe for people. If the data eventually backs up the claim about the pill, it could help millions of patients ditch their syringes and stick-pens.

Executive order on healthcare mandate limits free speech

Alex Belica
WORLD CO-EDITOR

In Washington a sneaky of-fensive against free speech and public information is being led by the Obama Administration. The recent tide of negative re- porting surrounding the trou- bled launch of the website for the Affordable Care Act and the countless stories of businesses who are cutting worker's hours to avoid penalties has obviously become more than the Adminis- tration can bear.

“The lightly veiled threat within the executive order is that employers should eat the costs of the Af- fordable Care Act in silence.”

— ALEX BELICA

This February, after much criticism from the business community, the Obama Ad- ministration issued an executive order delaying the full imple- mentation of a mandate that requires all medium and larger sized business to provide health insurance to their full-time em- ployees. Full-time employees are defined as those working at least 30 hours per week. This one- year exemption, which applies to businesses with fewer than 100 employees, comes with one very large and yet conveniently unmentioned string. In order to receive the one year exemption employers are required to sign a statement for the Internal Re- venue Service (IRS) which certifies under the penalty of perjury that it has not reduced the number of workers or hours to qualify for this exemption.

In reality, the purpose of this requirement is to stem the flow of stories about employers who are reducing the number of full-time employees and limit- ing the part-timers to under 30 hours of work per week. Stories of employers making such cuts have been flooding both the lo- cal and national media for the

last six months, driving home the very real cost of expanding healthcare coverage. Investor's Business Daily recently put to- gether a list of 401 employers from for-profit enterprises such as clothing manufactures and restaurants to public employers such as municipalities and uni- versities who have freely admit- ted to cutting hours and reduc- ing employment as a result of the act.

The lightly veiled threat with- in the executive order is that employers should eat the costs of the Affordable Care Act in silence. The Obama Administra- tion likely has a realist view that some of these medium-sized businesses will continue to re- duce staffing levels to receive the exemption to reduce costs. However, they certainly do not want stories about these cuts hitting the airwaves. Many busi- nesses in this category will be forced by the need to stay com- petitive to avail themselves of the coverage exemption in order to keep overhead down. Conse- quently, the free speech of these business owners has essentially been gagged. It is a sure bet that the IRS will be monitoring any statements to the media by businesses taking the exemption with auditors lined up, waiting to pounce.

Through the executive order, President Obama, has curtailed the free speech of numerous businesses in towns through- out America. They will not be able to admit, at least publically, the costs of providing a greater number of Americans with health insurance. One could argue that the increased costs are acceptable consequences of providing more Americans with health insurance, however, re- gardless of one's opinion on the issue, to stifle the free speech of those on the front lines of the law's implementation is unac- ceptable.

If the Obama Administration is worried that the public will not accept the program's true cost then they should go back to the board and design reforms, not hide the true costs and hope no one will notice.



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IRAN'S MOST POWERFUL MEN— On the left is Hassan Rouhani, Iran's seventh president. On the right is Ali Khamenei, the current supreme leader of Iran. To understand Iranian poli- tics, one must understand the interaction between the two of them.

As nuclear deal drags on, leader's role is uncertain

Timothy Cook
STAFF WRITER

Since the election of President Hassan Rouhani in Iran, there has been a great deal of discussion about the new direction Iran has taken, both domestically and internationally with western countries. Many observers have tried to analyze the intentions of Iran's new president based on his past actions in the service of the Islamic Republic. However, none of Rouhani's past can be analyzed truly objectively without looking at the man who has been in his shadow for twenty years: Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader.

Khamenei was born into a clerical family in the northeastern city of Mashhad in 1939. Mashhad was known for its traditional Persian poets and was a well-suited environment for Khamenei to develop his love for language and the written word. Though inspiring, language was not the only influence on Khamenei's early life. Tradition obligated Khamenei to follow in his father's footsteps by donning the black turban of a Shiite Muslim cleric, signifying their family's dignified descent from Muhammad.

Khamenei's formative years were not an easy time to live in a traditional family in Iran. Under the autocratic rule of the Shah, Iran had begun a fast-paced campaign of modernization and westernization. Being only eleven when he first donned his clerical robes, Khamenei would find himself mocked by other boys for being archaic and backward. Despite his traditional upbringing, Khamenei found escapism through reading western literature. Even today he will praise "Les Miserables"

as one of the best books written. Reading books by such authors as Leo Tolstoy, Victor Hugo and John Steinbeck helped shape Khamenei's view of the world and western culture.

Though always fascinated by the west, it was the writings of Sayyid Qutb that ultimately persuaded Khamenei that Islam was both political and revolutionary. By 1979 Iran was ripe for a revolution against the Shah's regime, but it was still unclear what form that revolution would take. A charismatic Ayatollah named Ruhollah Khomeini as the voice of the revolutionaries. An upheaval that could have easily turned marxist was instead led in an entirely new direction: a republic led by Islamic Jurists.

Khamenei had by now become a mid-ranking Shiite cleric and was expected to take a role in the new government. Khamenei's way into the Iranian revolutionary leadership came in the form of another cleric named Akbar Rafsanjani.

Unlike the more withdrawn and bookish Khamenei, Rafsanjani came from a merchant family and had a ruthless streak for gaining power. As the consequences of the Iranian revolution led to sanctions from the Americans, war with Iraq and guerrilla uprisings by insurgent groups, Rafsanjani saw his power rise with Khamenei always close behind him. A key moment for Khamenei came after an assassination attempt caused the permanent paralysis of his right arm. Convinced that God had spared him for some reason, Khamenei took a new turn, running for president and winning by a large margin.

Though Khamenei had become Iran's president, his role was highly limited by Khomeini as supreme leader, and a prime

minister who was also his cousin: Mir-Hossein Mousavi. Khamenei feuded frequently with Mousavi, who often had Khomeini's backing, rendering Khamenei nearly powerless. Upon Khomeini's death, it was ultimately Rafsanjani that backed Khamenei's election to the position of supreme leader on the understanding that he was easily controllable.

Over the next 20 years, Khamenei emerged from Rafsanjani's shadow with the support of Iran's Revolutionary Guard. Reformists in Iran's political system would often chafe under what they saw as Khamenei's abuse of power. In 2009, Mousavi emerged from retirement as the reformist candidate for president. Mousavi ultimately was perceived as a threat and defeated in what many suspected was a fraudulent election. Protests were ultimately put down and Khamenei arrested his cousin Mousavi. Family has not readily stood with Khamenei; his brother Hadi is a reformist and he arrested his own son Mojtaba for alleged conspiracy within the revolutionary guard.

Endorsing Rouhani was a key way for Khamenei to restore legitimacy to Iran's system and turn back the polarization of Iran's society. Khamenei has publicly expressed a skeptical acceptance of Rouhani's engagement with the west, though he personally says that he is pessimistic about a deal for the survival of Iran's nuclear program. The pessimism Khamenei expresses is deeply rooted in the history of the Iranian nation's relations with the west. Khamenei's own past paints an expressive picture of how Iran came to be the country it is today, and how it might affect the path that Iran will take in its future.



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WORKING LESS— Linda Diggs stands outside an Ohio White Castle where she has been an employee for 25 years. White Castle is one of 401 organizations that have publically admitted to reducing hours or staff because of the mandate that employers must provide health insurance.

2014’s Dance 40 doesn’t fail to impress

Jasmine Robb
GUEST WRITER

The art of dance is fiercely beautiful, dangerously addictive and far more complex than meets the eye. Years of training, criticism, stretching until walking is a joke, floor burn scars and literal blood, sweat and tears go unnoticed by the audience and are all but forgotten by the dancers themselves as they take to the stage. When the lights go up, nothing else matters.

2014 marks the 40-year anniversary of the annual major dance concert, this year entitled Dance 40. These concerts featuring choreography by dance department faculty have expanded and flourished each year. Hundreds of dancers have participated over the years, going through the grueling process of stressful and intensive auditions, followed by months of exhaustive and rewarding rehearsals.

Stepping out on the stage takes an enormous amount of courage. Whether donning a slinky dress and heels, a brightly colored unitard, a steampunk dress and mask or nothing but a white slip, the dancer must be prepared to deliver the best performance possible with the utmost confidence in what they are doing. Conscious of the eyes of friends, family,

strangers and choreographers, the dancer must dig deep within him or herself and deliver something flawless.

Costume malfunction? Pretend it isn’t happening (unless it’s life-threatening). Old injury acting up? Forget about it for the next 14 or so minutes. Freezing air pouring in backstage when dancers arrive to get into costume? Better huddle together for warmth.

It doesn’t matter whether the choreography includes triple pirouettes, intense hairography or trembling like a leaf and falling over repeatedly. It is a great feat of strength, courage and artistic honesty to grace the stage.

Kelsey Hutten (’15) is operating the lights this year in the wake of a surgery that forbid her to dance in the concert. The tireless work of Erik and Cindy Alberg has been instrumental and absolutely crucial for Dance 40 to run smoothly. Their upbeat and fun-loving attitudes day in and day out have never failed to impress me during my four years of interacting with them here at Hope.

Other Hope students who took part in the show are *The Anchor* staff writer Lauren Madison (’14), who works backstage, and *The Anchor’s* Co-Editor-in-Chief Claire Call (’14), a dancer in the show.

Over 65 students performed in



PHOTO BY ERIK ALBERG

RIPPLES— This new work by Matt Farmer is an interpretation of the sirens from Homer’s “*The Odyssey*.” “Ripples” is one of nine works in this year’s show.

this year’s show, which featured works by program founder Maxine DeBruyn, as well as senior faculty members Linda Graham and Steven Iannacone. Guests Anne-Rene Petrarca and Sharon Wong also brought their own performances to the show.

The original show took place

in 1975, the same year that dance became a minor at Hope. In 1984, dance officially became a major at Hope, and in 1985, the program was recognized by the National Association of Schools of Dance.

Despite the fact that Dance 40 only runs two weekends and about two hours in length, the

countless hours put in by dancers, choreographers, organizers and costumers have made those two weekends and two hours each night an absolute sight to behold. With so much hard work and energy being put into the performance, one thing’s for sure—Dance 40 is not to be missed.

DeGeneres brings laughs to 86th annual Academy Awards

“Gravity”

- Directing
- Cinematography
- Sound Mixing
- Sound Editing
- Original Score
- Film Editing

“Frozen”

- Animated Feature Film
- Original Song, “Let It Go”



PHOTO FROM @THEELLENSHOW

ONE TALENTED SELFIE— This star-studded snap crashed Twitter. Other antics put on by Ellen DeGeneres included ordering tons of pizza and dressing up as Glinda the Good Witch.

Best Picture

- “12 Years a Slave”

Best Actor

- Matthew McConaughey

Best Actress

- Cate Blanchett

Supporting Actor

- Jared Leto

Supporting Actress

- Lupita Nyong’o

Foreign Language Film

- “The Great Beauty”

Adapted Screenplay

- “12 Years a Slave”

Original Screenplay

- “Her”

Production Design

- “The Great Gatsby”

Costume

- “Dallas Buyers Club”

Random Apps of Kindness

Dear Readers,

How do you feel about smartphones? While most owners praise the way their phones allow them to communicate, navigate and stay up-to-date, an increasing number of people are turning against the all-powerful device. Teachers and professors get annoyed with students who tweet under the table, loved ones hate it when family and friends appear more interested in Facebook than the conversation at hand and reports on the dangers of texting and driving are printed daily.

Amidst a nation of “selfie” snappers, it’s easy to overlook the army of smart and selfless individuals who are using smartphones as a weapon against crime, malnutrition and poverty. Today, we feature the amazing apps they have created. If you own a smartphone, we hope this article will inspire you to use it in support of your own community.

Lindsay Timmerman, Features Editor

- **Charity Miles.** If you’re looking for inspiration to get out on the road this spring, give this app a try. It tracks your biking, walking or running miles. You are granted 25 cents to donate to a charity of your choice for each walking or running mile, and biking miles earn you 10 cents.
- **DoGood** provides subscribers with specific good deeds to complete every day. “What if 300,000 people did the same random act of kindness in one day?” the developers ask.
- **The Extraordinaries** allows you to pick a mission from a cause you support (environment, education, social justice, etc.) and complete a quick mission for its benefit.
- **My Life as a Refugee (UNHCR).** Huffingtonpost.com reports that “in the time it takes to download this app, 8 people around the world will become refugees as they flee from conflict or persecution. The My Life as a Refugee app provides insight into the experiences these refugees face. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) created this app to spread awareness about the projects and people they work to support.”
- **The UNICEF Tap Project.** According to gizmodo.com, uniceftaproject.org is “a webpage that listens to the motion sensors in your smartphone. Once you’ve opened the page, it prompts you to put your smartphone down somewhere and ignore it. For every 10 minutes you don’t touch your phone, UNICEF’s sponsor donates funding to provide one day’s worth of clean drinking water to a child in need.” In order to contribute to the UNICEF Tap Project, open uniceftaproject.org in your phone’s web browser.

“Today our very survival depends on our ability to stay awake, to adjust to new ideas, to remain vigilant and to face the challenge of change. The large house in which we live demands that we transform this worldwide neighborhood into a worldwide brotherhood. Together we must learn to live as brothers or together we will be forced to perish as fools. We must work passionately and indefatigably to bridge the gulf between our scientific progress and our moral progress.”

-Martin Luther King Jr.

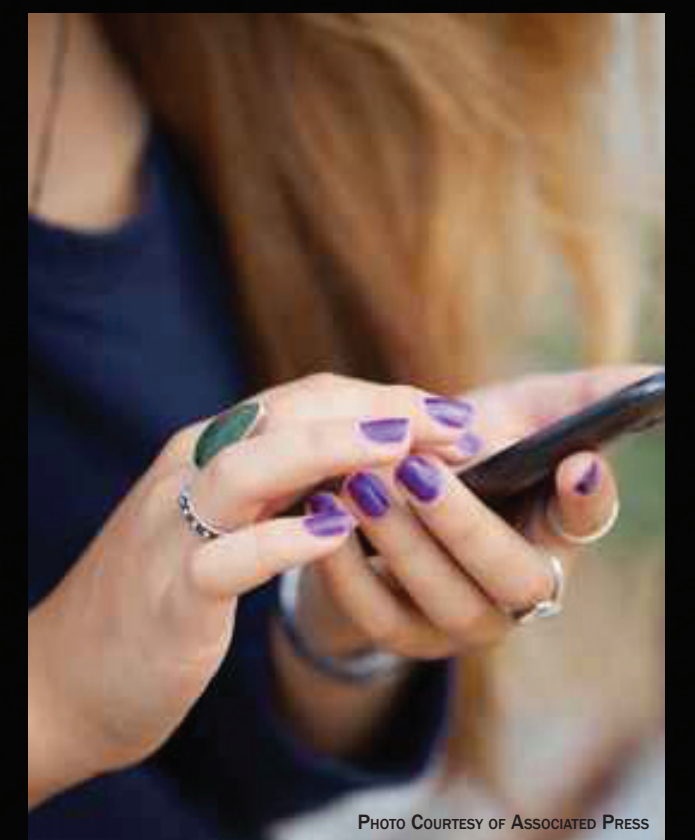


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Desert storm

Can our elected officials choose not to follow the law?



Andrew Gomez-Seoane
World Co-Editor

In a troubling trend, we have seen several state attorney generals come out in favor of not enforcing their states’ ban on same-sex marriage. Many have taken it upon themselves to interject moral objections as one of the reasons that they cannot enforce these laws. While some in the gay rights movement see this as a move toward marriage equality, there is a disturbing precedent being set by these attorney generals.

To understand the whole picture, we must start with its origins.

It began with attorney general Eric Holder’s refusal to defend the Defense of Marriage Act before the Supreme Court last year.

This, as many individuals know, was an act voted on by Congressional leaders and signed into law by President Clinton. Thus, by sheer official status, it was the duty of the attorney general to defend and enforce it like any law that is passed by the government in accordance to the constitution of the United States.

However, in recent days, several federal judges have struck down same-sex marriage bans in half a dozen states, and Mr. Holder has made it clear that state attorney generals can have some discretion in following their state-enacted bans.

The problem with this reasoning is that it is a clear violation of the responsibility set forth by our constitution which

mandates that elected officials must enforce the law of the land once it has been legally enacted.

An attorney general’s obligation is to defend the laws that they are charged with while allowing no exceptions based on moral grounds, predictions of constitutional evolution and/or future political ambitions.

There is clearly an exception to this case in the event that a law is unconstitutional in light of existing legal precedent. In the rulings last June, the Supreme Court declined to decide whether states could ban same-sex marriages. Thus, this has not invalidated current laws in many of the states that passed referendums to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

Those who are cheering this decision should consider that the government’s main responsibility is to defend the laws of the land. This duty is crucial to any democratic

society as it makes our elected representative servants to the rule of law rather than its master. It obligates them to the will of the people and their wisdom until the courts can make a final ruling on the matter of constitutionality.

This process ensures checks and balances within our branches of government and gives the lawmaking authority to legislatures (and, in some cases, the people). If the courts and elected leaders were allowed to approach each law as they saw fit, it would create chaos in our judicial system. Every piece of legislation passed would be questioned and immediately thrown into limbo. These precedents will certainly weaken the legal and moral authority of the attorney generals, with grave future implications if left unchecked in the long term.

It is unfortunate that we have arrived at this crossroad in

American history. What many in the pro gay rights movement do not understand is that the choice to render this one issue as the sole exception is not going to keep other attorney generals in the future from taking on a host of other life-changing issues that affect everyone’s livelihood. This will undoubtedly pave the path for those eager to usurp legislative power and advance their political agenda by failing to defend inconvenient laws.

The right path to pursue in this case is to allow the will of the people to prevail, to decide for themselves if these state laws should be repealed and replaced with a law that better expresses their views.

For that is the beauty of our constitutional republic; we can respectfully disagree on a host of issues, but at the end of the day, there must be a consensus as to how balance is achieved through our laws.



All the ruckus

‘When you’re licked before you begin’



Lauren Madison
Staff Columnist

I was a “Harry Potter” kid. A “Lord of the Rings” kid. A “Narnia” kid, a “Star Wars” kid, an “Indiana Jones” kid...

You get the picture. I was a dork with a major hang-up on Harrison Ford. (Not much has changed—that man is a fine wine.) I had this tendency to get swept up in the stories I read or the movies I watched, to let them wash over me and fill me up, to find myself pushed and prodded into someone different each time I shut a book or watched the credits roll. It was addictive, and the stories I craved the most were ones like those listed above: stories about adventure, about fighting a good fight. Stories about courage.

I’m 22 now, and praise God, it’s far more socially acceptable to be nerdy in college than it was in the fifth grade. I still find myself consumed by the power of storytelling, still reread those childhood books every now and then, and still find myself drawn to the same themes I loved as a child. My favorite plots have to do with the at-times difficult work of being truly good in this world, and they contain some sort of “fight,” even if it’s a quiet one. Likewise, my favorite characters struggle with their simultaneous capacities for goodness and evil; and most of all, my favorite characters are, in some way, brave.

Courage has always been one of my favorite human attributes, the virtue I most admire. This is in no small way because of the stories I encountered as a child, the stories that molded me. I watched “Star Wars” and wondered if I’d be able to face an oppressive force with the sass and spunk of Princess Leia. I read the “Harry Potter” and “Narnia” books and wondered if I would ever be strong enough

to give up my life for my friends. I always wanted to fight a good fight, to have a chance to “prove myself.”

But life isn’t a sci-fi film, and it isn’t a fantasy novel. The choices we face are hardly ever quite so dramatic or clear-cut, and the struggles of this world appear before us not in terms black and white, but in hardly discernible, murky shades of gray. In real life, it is so much more difficult to be brave than I ever imagined.

I think, in real life, courage is a much quieter virtue than we’ve been taught.

In real life, being brave won’t make us heroes; it usually won’t bring us any glory. In fact, I think being brave can, oftentimes, be isolating. It can mean speaking truths no one wants to hear. It can mean being honest with someone even at the cost of hurting them. It can mean going after a dream (or a major, or a minor) that will disappoint our parents. It can mean switching churches, or schools, or uprooting a whole life.

And sometimes, when our lives are painful and muted by

depression or loss, bravery is found in the little things that become so big, like getting out of bed and pulling ourselves into a day we know we can’t quite handle—something akin to Atticus Finch’s take on courage: “It’s when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.” It means putting on a “brave face” in certain situations, because sure, we have to keep on keepin’ on, have to keep eating and sleeping, going to class and to work. Sometimes, being brave just means not allowing your life to fall apart.

But it also means letting that brave face fall in front of the people who matter. More than anything, I think being brave means committing ourselves every day to “living authentically,” which totally sounds like the kind of phrase I may have picked up from Oprah. It means challenging ourselves and our expectations for what life can be. It means calling ourselves on our own bullshit, and listening to and appreciating

the ones who do it for us. It means acknowledging that these people are the keepers. It means breaking silences and naming that which is uncomfortable or intimidating or just plain *terrifying*, refusing to be cowed into living scared lives.

I’m not always very brave. I don’t always speak when I should. I’m definitely due for a good self-callout. I fear newness, judgment, failure and—don’t we all?—the future.

But that’s the thing about virtues: They take some cultivation. We have to go through the hard work of *choosing*, each day, to be brave, until our bravery isn’t a conscious choice anymore—until it comes as naturally as breathing.

If Lauren ruled the world, everyone would be mandated to gather around and watch “Star Wars: Episode IV” every Thanksgiving, in lieu of uncomfortably talking politics with weird uncles. We at The Anchor agree that, yes, this would be a much better world, indeed.

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Ask and you May be advised

Forgive and forget



Lauren May
Staff Columnist

This week, I wanted to think of a difficult challenge, one that would take some extra effort and willingness from all of us. I thought for a long time to come up with an idea, but I couldn't seem to find just the right one. Finally, while going to get in

line for food at Phelps the other day, it hit me, literally!

As I walked to merge myself into the crazy scramble system to get food, I ran straight into someone turning around from the line. Almost knocking down all of the food she was carrying, I quickly said sorry.

In response, instead of giving me a dirty look or angrily brushing past me, she just smiled and told me, "Don't worry about it." Although in a really simple form, this small act of forgiveness gave me the idea for this week's challenge.

Weekly Challenge #7: "Apologize or offer your

forgiveness to someone."

Ephesians 4:31-32: "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Matthew 18: 21-22: "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'"

Mark 11:25: "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you

have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."

Like with my incident at Phelps, saying variations of the words "I'm sorry" and "I forgive you" can be really easy. Many times though, allowing ourselves to admit we are at fault, or forgiving those who admit the fault was theirs, can be a little more challenging.

While it is hard to acknowledge that we did something wrong, or pardon those who have hurt us, it is important to do so. Making peace with others allows us to

form and salvage meaningful relationships with each other and additionally makes our lives more easy-going.

By letting go of old and long grudges and anger, we allow ourselves to get rid of some guilt and anger and ultimately create a happier life. So during this week, I encourage you to think of someone who you either owe an apology to, or someone who has offered you one. You can fulfill this challenge in many ways: Send a letter, meet in person or make a phone call. It doesn't matter how we do it, as long as we actually do it! Make life happier and just forgive and forget.

Letters from Nana and Gramps

Let's hear it for March!



James Rogers
Co-Editor-in-Chief

I think March deserves a high five. It's a month consisting of rejuvenation and 31 days that deserve more credit.

March leads right into April, the month containing the last day of regular classes at Hope College. For those graduating in May, it's now just 60 days until the caps and gowns are sported.

But hey, make the most of March. March toward new heights and goals. Watch hours upon hours of college basketball. Even if you're not a fan of the sport, March will somehow make you love basketball for a little while.

March is full of fun. Be proud

of your middle name on March 10 (Middle Name Pride Day). I like this day. My middle name is Waldon thanks to the creativity of my mom and dad.

Speaking of my dad, his birthday is on March 11. Send a birthday email over to him (rrogers@vlhs.com); he would love that. No kidding. Go ahead and do it.

Eat a lot of Thin Mints and Samoas on Girl Scouts Day (March 12). Remember, purchasing Girl Scout Cookies is for a good cause, not just a good taste. These treats will never get old.

I'm sure it will be cold on March 13, so Ear Muff Day will be so appropriate here in Holland, Mich. I expect to see all the muffs out on this day.

On March 14, we should all do a little math. It's National Pi Day (3.14). The next day you should attend quilting club on National Quilting Day.

We'll all get green on St. Patrick's Day, the 17th. Eat some Lucky Charms and wear some

beads. Then act a fool on the 22nd for National Goof Off Day.

Throw some pecans in your waffles on March 25, as it is both Pecan Day and Waffle Day. Let me know how the combo is.

I'm really not making these days up, but if I wanted to make up a holiday, I could on March 26 (Make Up Your Own Holiday Day).

I'm not really sure what Something on a Stick Day (March 28) is all about, but have fun with it. Once the enjoyment of sticks fades, thank a doctor on the 30th for National Doctor's Day.

Major League Baseball's official Opening Day is March 31. What a way to end this glorious month. I don't care if you hate baseball. Show some respect to America's pastime. Get out the glove and ball and head to the Pine Grove. Toss the rock around and make one of the greatest noises ever: the pop of the baseball hitting the mitt.

March is off to a good start, and there's a lot in store. Have



PHOTO BY BETHANY ROGERS

BIRTHDAY BOY— Pictured is my dad, Randy Rogers, and it is his birthday on March 11. Send Mr. Rogers a birthday email (rrogers@vlhs.com). It would make his day.

hope in March. March has hope in you.

Find joy in these last days of the 2013-14 school year. March will have trouble containing all its fun. It's your choice to find that fun.

James can't tell you how much "Mario Kart: Double Dash.!!" he has played the last three months.

Source for March happenings: <http://www.holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/march.htm>

Editor's choice

Quotes of Illumination

"Life is very short. Insecurity is a waste of time."

—Diane Von Furstenberg

"I used to believe in forever, but now I think forever is too short."

—Winnie-the-Pooh

"People are prettiest when they talk about something they really love with passion in their eyes."

—K.V.H.

"Unexpressed emotions will never die. They are buried alive and will come further later in uglier ways."

—Sigmund Freud

"Do something uncomfortable today by stepping out of your box. You dont have to settle for what you are- you get to create who you want to become."

—Howard Walstein

Fewer tickets, please, I'm a Hope student

◆ PARKING, from page 1

"I think it's apparent with the amount of snow we've received this winter that allowing overnight parking in the winter could cause serious snow removal issues," Robinson said.

"Grand Rapids has an 'even-odd' parking system that allows overnight parking on alternating sides of the street during the winter, but I think they've run into some issues using that with the snowfall this past year," Robinson continued.

Hope's Director of Operations, Greg Maybury, says that students should note that downtown, Maple Avenue to Lincoln Avenue; 6th Street to 10th Street, which includes the northern most section of Hope's campus, will be excluded from the program. Within this area, cars must still be off the street by 2 a.m.

According to Maybury, the existing program will have limited effects on campus because it will only overlap for a month with the school year.

"The college was asked for input from the city, but we declined to take a position other than to support whichever direction the city chose," Maybury said.

If in the future the program is expanded to encompass more of the school year, faculty may have a harder time finding a parking spot.

Currently, faculty and staff rely on the approximately 250 street parking spots that are dotted around campus for parking. If students are able to leave cars on the street overnight, there may not be enough space for professors when they arrive in the morning.

"Most of our faculty and staff commute to campus daily, and a permanent on-street overnight parking program would severely limit their access to parking near their place of work," Maybury said.

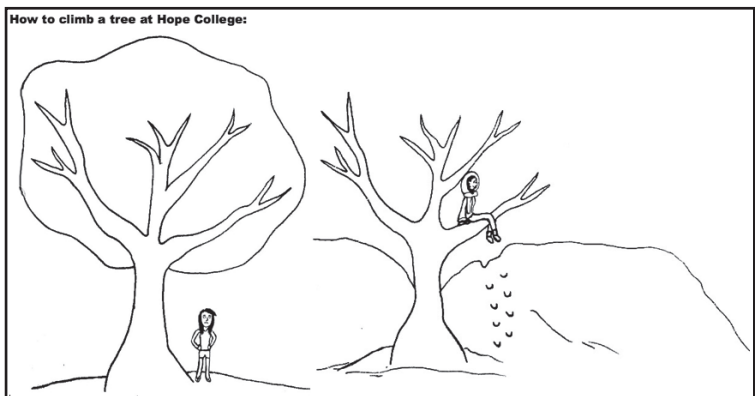
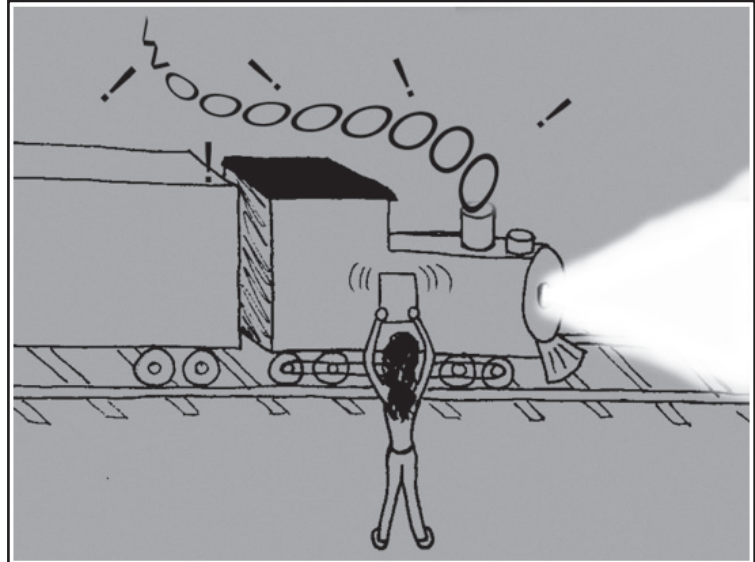
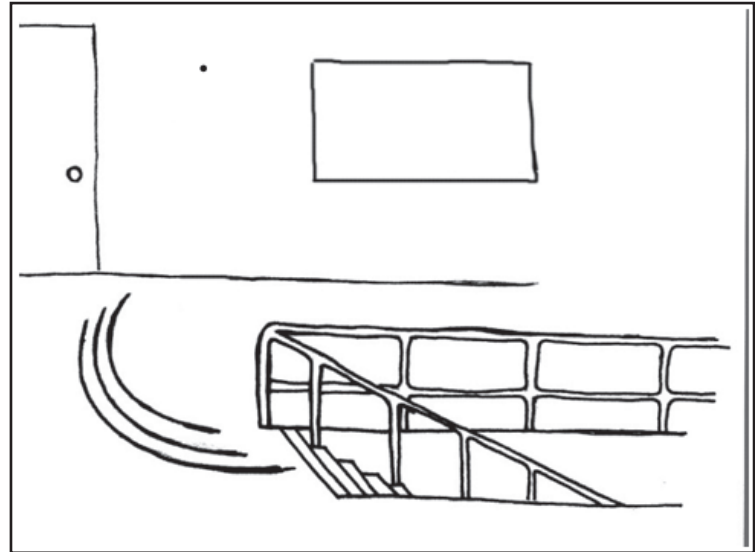
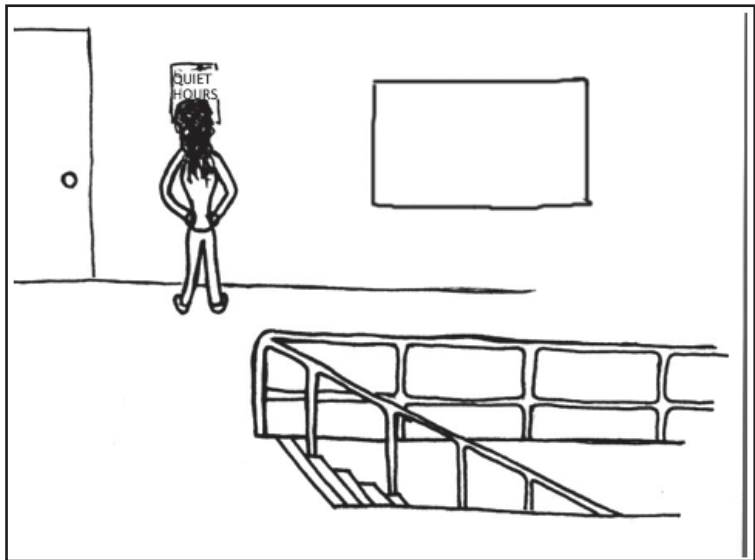
Whatever the consequences, this summer's pilot will provide a chance for officials to work out the kinks and, if the trial run is deemed successful, hopefully increase convenience for all of Holland's residents.



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AIN'T NOBODY GOT FUNDS FOR THAT— Pictured above right is a snapshot of the common Hope student's reaction to discovering a parking ticket administered by the City of Holland. These kinds of outbursts will hopefully be limited by the new measures taken by the city.

Jessica Gaines ('17) delivers more comic fun to *The Anchor*



COMICS BY JESSICA GAINES

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Men’s basketball upset by Calvin

Casey Rutledge
GUEST WRITER

Calvin College had taken all the beating it could handle en route to being swept in the regular season by the Dutchmen by a combined margin of defeat of 26 points, 154-128.

On Saturday, with the season on the line (as well as bragging rights) in a potential win-or-go-home scenario, it was the Knights of Calvin who gave the Dutchmen fits on both ends of the court.

Coach Vande Streek and the Knights, led by junior guard Jordan Brink and a game-high 21 points, torched Coach Matt Neil’s Flying Dutchmen, who had just claimed an MIAA conference championship, by a score of 78-53.

Hope College sprinted to a 13-2 lead, scoring in bunches while holding the Knights to an anemic 1-of-15 shooting along the way. After a pair of timeouts taken by Calvin, Vande Streek had finally gotten a message across to his team, one in which they bought into with reckless abandon.

It was the effectiveness of the long ball and lack of turnovers that propelled Calvin to a 29-24 halftime lead and a 28-point lead with under six minutes to play. The Knights made good on six three-pointers in the second half alone, shooting 9-of-20 from deep.

“This one is tough to swallow, [and] I think we certainly let up on the intensity after being up 13-2,” Grant Neil (’14) said. “We thought that they would fold like they did the first two times we played.”

The Knights played as if they had nothing to lose but everything to prove on Saturday night with a Hope College crowd of 3,100 strong silenced in DeVos Fieldhouse.

“Unfortunately, we no longer control our own destiny,” G. Neil said when asked about the loss. “We had a chance tonight and we just didn’t bring it. They outplayed us in every aspect, we were not desperate enough, and as a result, we’re stuck waiting and hoping for an at-large bid.”

With a win, Calvin clinched a berth to the NCAA tournament via automatic qualification due to a conference tournament title. As for the Dutchmen, they were left out of the initial invite to the party but were granted access via an at-large bid coming out of the Great Lakes Region. Hope stood as the No. 2-ranked team in the region and were selected on Monday as the host team for the first two rounds of NCAA tournament play.

For senior Nate VanArendonk, the loss really put things into perspective: “We weren’t guaranteed a shot at the tournament,” VanArendonk said. “After the Calvin game, I was aware that that could have been my last, but we’re fortunate to have another shot. I have another chance at my ‘last game’ so to speak, and I know now what I have to do differently.”

Statistically, VanArendonk was one of the few bright spots for the Dutchmen, recording a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

“Calvin was effective in stopping our offense and getting us out of our flow,” VanArendonk said. “They denied entry passes

from the wings all night, and we’re not used to that. They threw our offense off a little.”

Ultimately for Hope it is just another lesson learned.

“We cannot afford to take teams lightly based on the past results, and nothing is going to be handed to us,” VanArendonk said. “I know that I have to play

better as a senior. There are things I have to do to personally adjust and make sure something like this does not happen again.”

On Friday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., the Dutchmen will play host to visitors Penn. State-Behrend (23-4) in the opening round of the NCAA DIII tournament at DeVos.



PHOTO BY NICK BYNA

RUNNING DOWN A DREAM— Ben Gardner (’16) chases the ball near the free-throw line in the Dutchmen’s contest against Calvin on Saturday. Hope fell to the Knights 78-53.

Track teams complete indoor seasons

Caitlin Rivera
SPORTS EDITOR

On Saturday, the MIAA Indoor Track and Field Championships took place at Calvin College. The meet was nine hours long and ended with the men’s team taking fifth and the women’s team taking second in the MIAA.

The girls totaled 113.66 points over two days, while the Knights scored 203.5 points. On the men’s side, the Dutchmen captured a total of 82 points, while Calvin led the way with 180 points.

Jane Pearson (’16) and Emily Smith (’15) took second and third, respectively, in the pentathlon on Friday which included: 60-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump and an 800-meter run.

Casey Campbell (’16) took home a first-place finish in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:27.85, out-running a Calvin competitor by less than two seconds. Michelle Kerr (’16) was not far behind Campbell, taking

“During Spring Break, we get the best workouts of the year in... Hopefully this year our training will pay off and both women’s and men’s teams will take home the MIAA Championship.”
—CASEY CAMPBELL (’16)

fifth in the race with a time of 10:39.55.

“My 3,000 felt really good but ended a little rough toward the end,” Campbell said. “I hope to get a faster outdoor time, and I’m sure the training during Spring Break will help me and the rest of the team.”

Another first-place finish came from Sheri McCormack (’14), finishing her mile run in 5:07.70, defeating second place by over 17 seconds.

The Flying Dutch’s 4x800-meter relay team of Katie Afton (’15), Erin Herrmann (’17), Anna Leikert (’14) and Campbell finished first with a time of 10:20.44.

Pearson placed second in the open 400-meter dash with a time of 61.38 seconds.

Amelia Stanley (’14) tied for second in pole vault with a height of 9 feet, 6.25 inches.

On the men’s side, Boone Marois (’16) clinched a first-place finish in the 60-meter dash with a time of 7.09 seconds, a mere hundredth of a second faster than an Albion competitor. Not far behind Marois were teammates Bryce Richards (’16) and Steffon Mayhue (’14) placing third and fourth, respectively. Mayhue also placed second in long jump with a leap of 6.77 meters.

Freshman Cameron Jones took third in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:58.25. Matthew Webb (’16) took sixth behind Jones with a 2:00.30.

The men’s 4x800-meter relay composed of Kyle Anderson (’16), Zach Zandbergen (’15),

Jesse Henkel (’14) and Noah Litwiller (’16) took third place behind Albion and Calvin with a time of 8:30.68.

Senior captain James Rogers took fourth in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:37.13. Zandbergen finished 11th place in the same race with a time of 8:59.81.

Both teams will be traveling on Spring Break beginning March 13, and Hope will be competing in Memphis, Tenn., at the Rhodes Open on March 14-15.

The teams will spend a week training in Florida and then head back up north to Atlanta, Ga., to compete at the Emory Invitational on March 21-22. This trip will be the beginning of the team’s outdoor season.

“During Spring Break, we get the best workouts of the year in,” Campbell said. “It’s nice to finally not be running in the cold and snowy weather. Hopefully this year all our training will pay off and both women’s and men’s teams will take home the MIAA Championship.”

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Friday March 7
Men’s Basketball
vs. Penn. St.-Behrend at 7:30 p.m.
Women’s Basketball
vs. Wis. Lutheran at 7 p.m. at Carthage College (Wis.)

Saturday March 8
Softball
vs. Manchester at 1 and 3 p.m.

IN BRIEF

DIVER FINISHES FOURTH AT REGIONALS

Sarah Sheridan (’16) competed in the NCAA regional hosted at Denison University (Ohio) this weekend and put herself in tremendous position to perform well in the NCAA Division III National Championships later this month.

On Friday, Feb. 28, Sheridan placed fourth in the 3-meter dive with a score of 453.05 points. Then, on Saturday, Sheridan came in fourth place in the 1-meter with 443.40 points. Undoubtedly, Sheridan hopes to improve her dives so she can make a significant mark at the NCAA championships.

Other Hope divers fared well this weekend, too. Erica Dunham (’15) placed 13th in the 3-meter and 20th in the 1-meter. Also, Jean-Luc Miralda (’17) placed 12th in the 1-meter board and 19th in the 3-meter board.

MIAA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Women’s Basketball
Maura McAfee (’16)
Forward

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL GIVE BACK

With the hustle and bustle of the baseball and softball seasons getting underway, a few players from each team took time out of their Saturday to give back to the community. The West Michigan Miracle League joined these teams on Saturday, March 1 to help with a free clinic at the Wolverine Worldwide YMCA in Belmont.

The purpose of the Miracle League is to give children with various special needs the opportunity to play baseball and softball while under the direction of a “buddy.”

Hope players gave pointers to their “buddies” with fielding, hitting and throwing.

“It was a tremendous experience for everyone involved,” Eric Dawson (’14) said.

When the weather breaks, both teams plan to engage in another event, most likely taking place on the newly-built Nate Hurwitz Field which is designed specifically for Miracle League events.

“There is no doubt that this is one of the best times I’ve had in a while, and I can’t wait to help out again,” Jenna Maury (’16) said.

Women’s basketball repels the Knights

Kyle Bernaciak
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Flying Dutch women’s basketball team won its 13th MIAA tournament championship by defeating the Knights

of Calvin College 88-79 on Saturday, March 1 at the DeVos Fieldhouse. This win not only allowed the Dutch to cut the nets down in honor of their victory at home, but it kept their perfect record intact, which now stands



PHOTO BY NICK BYMA

PLAYING TO WIN— Elizabeth Perkins (’17) dribbles past a defender during the MIAA championship game on Saturday. The Flying Dutch improved to 27-0 with an 88-79 win.

at 27-0.

“Hope-Calvin is always a completely different atmosphere than any other game, regardless of either of the team’s standings,” Hannah Doell (’15) said.

“I was definitely happy with how we played on Saturday,” Maura McAfee (’16) said. “At this point in the season, the most important thing is winning the game, and we were able to do that.”

Going into the matchup, Hope College knew that this game would easily be the toughest it had played all season. Having previously beaten Calvin on two different occasions already, getting a third win would not come without some roadblocks. There was no doubt the Dutch needed every aspect of their game in top shape in order to claim a conference crown. Also, Hope was ranked No. 1 overall in the nation by the USA Today Sports Coaches Poll and No. 2 overall by d3hoops.com.

To begin the game, both teams kept the score relatively even. Brittany Berry (’14) and McAfee led Hope’s charge by making themselves known early. Both of them were very solid offensively and also played successfully on the other side of the ball. Five minutes into the game, the Dutch led the Knights 15-10 after a pair of made free throws

from Megan Kelley (’14).

At the 8:55 mark in the first half, Hope’s lead increased even more when Kelley nailed a three-point shot to put her team ahead 33-21. The game stayed this way for the remainder of the first half as the Dutch entered halftime leading 51-35. Some other key players who contributed significantly to the lead in the first half were Anna Kaufmann (’14) and Doell.

In the same fashion as always, the Dutch knew that they had to play consistently well throughout the second half and try to complete the game without any major mishaps. Their 16-point lead was safe but needed to remain that way for as long as possible.

The second half picked up right where the first half left off; Hope came out of the gates with a great sense of energy and determination. The tone was set early when Kaufmann and Kelley made three-pointers just seconds apart from each other to increase the Dutch lead to 20 points, 61-41.

With just under 10 minutes to play in the game, Hope’s lead was cut slightly when the Knights made a slight surge. After some careless defense and costly turnovers, Calvin cut the deficit to 71-59. The Knights then trailed by just four with

2:10 remaining, but the MIAA tournament championship game finally came to an end with an 88-79 Dutch victory. In jubilation, Hope was able to cut down the nets in celebration of its incredible accomplishment.

McAfee was the leading scorer in the game with a career-high 27 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. Also, she compiled five steals and three blocked shots. Impressively, this was her 13th double-double of the season. Berry matched her season high with 20 points, and Hope starters combined for 80 points.

The Dutch’s upcoming NCAA tournament appearance will be the 15th in school history and seventh in the past eight seasons.

When asked about the upcoming tournament game, McAfee said, “I think we will probably focus on what we do best, which is playing defense and rebounding hard at both ends, and we also want to focus on really enjoying this time and these moments because there aren’t very many teams that still have the opportunity to play.”

The Dutch’s next opponent will be Wisconsin Lutheran on Friday, March 7 at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis. Earlier in the season, Hope defeated Wisconsin Lutheran, and it plans on doing the same later this week.

Hope hockey falls to Davenport, defeats Adrian Gold

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After the weekend reserved for regionals, the MCHC playoffs resumed at Jolly Roger Ice Arena on Friday, Feb. 28. In an effort to assert the Dutchmen’s physicality, Coach Van Timmeren started his checking line of Ben Hord (’17), Kyle Wollet (’14) and Eric Newman (’17). Shortly after the initial puck drop, Hord leveled a Panther, who gingerly picked himself up off the ice and glided over to his bench in apparent agony.

Yet it only took a minute and 20 seconds for a Panther to find himself on a fast break and surprise goaltender Drew Cook (’14) with a quick shot to seize the lead. Just minutes later,

Davenport struck again when it buried a third rebound chance on a goalmouth scramble.

It is worth noting that despite the Dutchmen’s shortcomings on the scoreboard, captain Caleb Digison (’14) and younger brother Elliott Digison (’17) were playing remarkable hockey. E. Digison, playing defense temporarily, had a memorable shift in which he made two jarring hits on the same unlucky victim.

There was nothing C. Digison did not do: shut down challengers, make tape-to-tape passes, and wheel (rush the puck up ice).

Rob Calvert (’15) stayed hot when he buried a back door pass from Justin Glick (’14) and Andrew Dolehanty (’14) on the power play. But the Panthers



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CHAMPIONSHIP BOUND— Next week, the Flying Dutchmen travel to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to compete in the national championships where they will face challenging opponents.

cashied in on a power play of their own just minutes later to extend their lead to two.

It would prove to be Davenport the rest of the way, who scored a mere 30 seconds into the second period. Time expired with Davenport having scored a fifth goal and limiting the Dutchmen’s offensive output to one. Hope seized momentum back with a 7-2 drubbing of Adrian Gold.

Losing to Davenport meant a consolation game with Adrian Gold, who had been bested by Oakland.

All four teams had already secured berths in the national tournament next week, representing the North region.

When held in comparison with the ensuing national tournament, the MCHC playoffs always fail to stack up in importance.

Hope stormed out of the gate after the National Anthem, scoring four goals in the first period.

Goals came from Ryan Restum (’16), Joe Pappas (’15) and Jamie Haak (’14), who had a pair. The Bulldogs managed two goals to draw within striking distance by the end of the second period.

Alas, Adrian’s bark was stronger than its bite, and C. Digison buried two pucks in the third period, along with one from Glick to cap the Dutchmen

scoring at seven.

Haak, who tallied twice for the Dutchmen and has three national tournaments under his belt as a senior, explained, “The two most important things in playoff hockey are execution and effort as a team. I think we as a team did a much better job of this on Saturday than on Friday. I hope that we can take this momentum into the national tournament.”

Hope departs for Fort Lauderdale on Saturday, March 8. Pool play games take place on that Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Stay in tune with the Flying Dutchmen’s journey via the team’s Twitter feed, @HopeHockey, #RollDutch.

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